

Lawmakers want tougher regs on construction cranes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Two state Republican lawmakers are pushing a bill that would toughen regulation on cranes and hoisting equipment at construction worksites.

The proposal announced Wednesday by Rep. Greg Evers of Baker and Sen. Thad Altman of Melbourne would require regulations that ensure additional protections for those workers at hazardous job sites.

The bill would require that a building permit be obtained that details crane locations, clearances for power lines and adjacent buildings and the structural foundation of the crane itself.

The measure also stipulates how crane operators communicate with each other and instructs crane owners on ways to prepare for hurricanes or high winds to ensure that the hoisting equipment is secure.

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